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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Paragraph [0045] as shown below:

[0045] As discussed above, the ball joint 22 of the flex grip fixture clamp 10 includes a bearing 31. FIG. 5A is a top elevation view of one embodiment of the bearing 31, which has an outer periphery 102 and an inner curved wall 106. The outer periphery 102 of the bearing 31 is defined by a cylindrical wall that is parallel to a central axis A3 of the bearing 31. Thus, the bearing 31 preferably is shaped as a ring. The inner curved wall 106 of the bearing 31 is curved along a radius that matches the radius of the ball 26. In the illustrated embodiment, the curved wall 106 is curved along a radius of about 0.625 inches (1.588 cm) that is centered at the central axis [[A2]] A3. See FIG. 5B. Thus, as shown in FIG. 5B, the curved surface of the wall 106 conforms to the ball 26.

Please amend Paragraph [0046] as shown below:

[0046] The bearing 31 can be made of any suitable material, e.g., aluminum or a plastic material, such as Delrin®. Although the bearing 31 is shown as a distinct component that is received within the recess 58 of the front housing 32, the bearing could be formed as an integral surface of the front housing 32. Such a surface could be incorporated into the retaining lip 62, for example. The bearing 31 shown in FIGS. ~~5A, 5B and 5C~~ 5A and 5B is advantageously replaceable if damaged or worn with use.